

Drainage Board
April 2, 2007 – 11:30 am

Meeting called to order by President Logsdon. Members Logsdon, Rininger, Surveyor Sublett and Attorney Robinson were present.

Minutes

March 5, 2007 minutes. Rininger made the motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Surveyor Report

Sublett stated that he had two bid openings. Logsdon asked Sublett if he checks with the Auditor's office prior to asking for bids to make sure there are sufficient funds available for the project. Sublett stated he keeps track himself, but he will start also checking with the Auditor's office.

Bid opening for cleaning approximately 1,500 feet of the Huffman Reo Lateral drain, near Dawson Machine Shop.

K & K Dirt Works, Inc. \$4,500.

Herron Excavating \$3,800.

Rininger made a motion to award the bid to Herron Excavating. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Bid opening for cleaning Little Pigeon Creek Lateral and removal of two beaver dams. Logsdon asked if by opening these two drains up, will more problems be caused further down the drain at CR 500. Sublett stated it will drain but more work will need to be done.

K & K Dirt Works, Inc. \$7,990. plus \$500. = total \$8,490.

Herron Excavating \$7,500.

Rininger thanked both of the bidders and made a motion to award the bid to Herron Excavating. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon told Sublett he appreciated the initiative he has taken to get these jobs done, but he requested that Sublett bring proposals to the board the meeting before, unless it is an emergency, and explain to the board what is being done.

Legal Report

Robinson prepared Certificates of Appointment for the temporary Deputy Surveyors for the farmers that are going to be surveying the drains throughout the county. Robinson said that before the deputies go on to a property, the land owner must be notified. It does not have to be written notice; it could be a phone call. Robinson recommended that if a land owner says no, the deputy should not go on the property. Robinson further stated that according to Indiana Statute the county surveyor has the authority to investigate, evaluate and survey all regulated drains, proposed regulated drains, and private drains. Logsdon explained to the observers that these volunteer Deputy Surveyors are going along the drains in the county and filming the obstructions. Each of the deputies will be bringing their film to the county garage for a meeting on Wednesday, April 11 so that a plan can be made and priorities set. Robinson is working on an ordinance that would enable the board to spend money on unregulated drains.

Logsdon stated he contacted the head of the State Board of Accounts to check on the possibility of getting the money owed from Baker Creek to the General Fund forgiven and he was told to seek legal advice. Logsdon asked Robinson to look in to the matter soon because he is meeting with the State Board of Accounts next week.

Other Business

Jesse McIntyre addressed the board and asked the county to clean out a ditch along his property on CR 200N and Base Road. Sublett said he is looking into it; he is not sure that it was a ditch. McIntyre stated it was but it has not been cleaned out for years. Logsdon asked Sublett to check it out before the next meeting and see if it is part of a legal drain and get an estimate of what it would cost to clean it out. Logsdon told McIntyre that it will be looked at but he does not want to make a promise he can not keep.

Phil Schmidt stated that the board needs to meet with the Corps of Engineers. He also stated that he hopes that in a month or two the drainage study committee will have a ten year plan and a plan to set up an advisory board with people from each district.

Logsdon stated he spoke with Keith Lochmueller of BLA who set up the CEDIT plan for the county and asked how a similar plan could be set up for drainage. Lochmueller is willing to come and speak with the board.

Highway Superintendent Painter showed the board a picture of a drain located north of Hatfield at CR 150N and 850W. Someone has cut down all of the trees along the drain and fell them in the ditch. Robinson stated there is a statute that states if a person obstructs a ditch, they can be required to un-obstruct the ditch. Logsdon asked Sublett to speak with the land owner and ask them to attend the next drainage board meeting.

Rininger made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Drainage Board,

_____ President	_____
Attest:	
_____ Cindy Shelton, Auditor	_____
